

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY PROGRESS REPORT

EMS PERSONNEL UNIT EMS DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. First-Aid Practices for School Bus Drivers	Lucy Chaidez Extension 434	Nine programs are approved.
2. Child Care Provider First Aid/ CPR and Prevention Training Programs	Lucy Chaidez Donna Westlake Extension 416	Reviewing five (5) new programs. Forty-one (41) first aid/CPR programs have been approved. Sixty-eight (68) Preventive Health programs have been approved.
3. Child Care Provider Training Program Audits	Donna Westlake	Ongoing gathering of information from the training rosters and the program applications regarding how many child care providers are being trained per month, which counties the training is being held in, and what language the training is being taught in. The information collected will be placed in the data bank. Ongoing technical assistance for child care training program requirements.
4. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Requirements for EMT-I's, Public Safety and Layperson	Sean Trask Extension 408	Ongoing technical assistance for Layperson AED programs. Layperson AED regulations revisions are drafted. Initial statement of reasons and notice of proposed rule making have been sent to the Office of Administrative Law. The 45 day public comment period is from September 14, 2001 to October 29, 2001. A public hearing is scheduled for October 29, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the EMS Authority.
5. EMT-I Task Force	Sean Trask	EMT-I Task Force continues to meet. Objectives for task force have been established and progress is gradually being made to meeting those objectives.
6. BLS Training and Certification Issues	Sean Trask	Ongoing technical assistance for certification issues (out of state reciprocity, expired certifications, CE requirements). The emergency regulations expired on August 15, 2001at midnight. The previous regulations (effective February 10, 2000) are now in effect.
7. EMT-II, DNR and MICN Issues	Lois Williams Extension 424	Ongoing technical assistance. (In the process of transferring these responsibilities to the incoming HPM-I, yet to be determined.)

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<p>8. Injury Prevention and Public Education</p>	<p>Lois Williams</p>	<p>Ongoing NHTSA/MCH Region IX Injury Prevention Network duties and Vision Committee duties; released 2nd electronic newsletter, working on 3rd. Annual Region IX Networking meeting held September 7, 2001.</p> <p>Facilitated EMS injury prevention workshop at Annual CA Childhood Injury Prevention Conference, September 4-7, 2001 in San Diego.</p> <p>Participating in CA Task Force on Older Adults and Traffic Safety; third meeting was July 12, 2001; Education and Training sub-committee meeting was August 21, 2001.</p> <p>EMS Vision Prevention and Public Education Committee meeting held September 24, 2001.</p> <p>Updating injury prevention website on EMSA homepage as needed.</p> <p>Awarded 27-month Office of Traffic Safety Grant to implement NHTSA's "First There, First Care" Bystander Care program in rural Northern California high schools. Grant begins October 1, 2001.</p>

EMS SYSTEMS UNIT
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1. Poison Center Program	Michele Handewith Extension 415	The California Poison Control System (CPCS) continues to provide statewide service. EMSA staff has transferred four million dollars in GF monies to be matched by the California Medical Assistance Commission.
2. EMS Systems and Plans	Sandy Salaber Extension 423	Thirty-two EMS Plans received, twenty-seven EMS Plans approved and five are being reviewed. Two regional site visits completed. Seven regional quarterly reviews approved. Revising EMS System Guidelines, Part III. Attending the Regional Agency meeting in LA on September 4, 2001.
3. EMSC Project	Maureen McNeil Extension 414 Michael Conley Extension 461	Preparations for the 4 th Annual EMS for Children Conference, November 13-14, 2001, in San Diego are being finalized. A post conference Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals will be held November 15-16, 2001. Funding for the EMSC Coordinator position for 1 year has been obtained by using unspent EMSC Grant Funds. A budget change proposal to make permanent the position has been forwarded to Agency.
4. Trauma	Donna Nicolaus Extension 412	The Trauma Advisory Committee met on June 29, 2001. The group discussed trauma related legislation and developed possible components for a Statewide Trauma System. Richard Watson, Interim Director, established the AB 430 Advisory Committee to provide input and advice regarding the implementation of AB 430. The EMS Authority sent a letter regarding trauma center funding (\$25million) to all LEMSA's with approved trauma plans and at least one designated trauma center. This letter requests data from the LEMSA which will provide a basis for distribution of funds. The EMS Authority prepared an application package for LEMSA use in requesting funds for trauma system planning (\$5million). The proposed AB 430 implementation schedule is available on the department's website at www.emsa.ca.gov .

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5. Communication Plan	Carol Biancalana Extension 409	<p>The OTS Communications System pilot project may move to another location due to the unavailability of the 700 MHz frequencies. The Sacramento area, the Fresno, Kings, Madera area, or a combination of both areas may be selected.</p> <p>The EMS Authority will host a meeting in late October that will explore the development of goals and funding options for Wireless E 9-1-1 project in California.</p>
6. Medical Dispatch Regulations	Carol Biancalana	<p>The EMD standards/guidelines were forwarded to the Vision Access Committee from the EMD subcommittee September 17, 2001. The EMD document will be reviewed by the full Vision Access Committee and revised, as appropriate, and then distributed to stakeholders for comments/positions.</p>
7. Interfacility Transport Task Force (IFTT)	Bonnie Sinz Extension 460	<p>The IFTT met on July 31, 2001. Each Ad Hoc Group met prior to the meeting and provided a progress report on the assigned objectives to the Task Force. The Ad Hoc group leads met on August 23, 2001, to re-evaluate the objectives and the progress of each group. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2001 in Southern California.</p>

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
EMS DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. EMT-P Testing and Licensing	Connie Telford Extension 426	<p>Ⓒ Licensed/re-licensed 1671 paramedics May through July 2001.</p> <p>Ⓒ 18 National Registry exams held May through July 2001. (8 open, 11 closed).</p>
2. EMT-P Regulations	Nancy Steiner Extension 429	The final draft of the proposed changes to the regulations will be reviewed for approval by the Commission on EMS at their September 26 th meeting.
3. Paramedic Task Force	Nancy Steiner	The Paramedic Task Force is now working on revisions to the continuous quality improvement portions of the paramedic regulations. Minutes of the meetings are available on the EMS Authority website. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2001 in Burbank.
4. EMT-P Accreditation	Nancy Steiner	Ongoing review.
5. EMT-P Local Optional Scope of Practice	Nancy Steiner	On May 29, 2001, the EMS Authority reviewed, in consultation with the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee members, a request by Contra Costa County EMS Agency for use of transcutaneous cardiac pacing by paramedics. Contra Costa County EMS Agency was advised on May 30, 2001 that their request was approved.
6. Trial Studies	Nancy Steiner	The 36-month report for San Diego County's Rapid Sequence Intubation Trial Study will be presented to the Commission on EMS at their September 26, 2001 meeting. The EMS Authority has approved an EMT-II Trial Study for Sierra County.
7. Investigations and Enforcement	<p>Richard McSherry Extension 450</p> <p>Karen Chambers Extension 430</p>	<p>The Director has revoked, suspended and/or placed on probation five paramedic licenses since January 1, 2001</p> <p>Two hundred and two new investigative cases have been opened since January 1, 2001.</p> <p>One hundred and ninety-four investigative cases have been concluded since January 1, 2001.</p> <p>Ten cases have been referred to the Attorney General for licensure action since January 1, 2001.</p> <p>Two initial applications were denied since January 1, 2001.</p> <p>Three provisional licenses containing certain specific conditions have been issued since January 1, 2001.</p> <p>Thirty-seven cases are pending resolution at the Attorney General's Office.</p> <p>Thirteen paramedics are on probation.</p>

DISASTER MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. EMSA Standard Operating Procedures	Cheryl Starling Extension 463	Updating procedures. JEOC/EMSA exercise being planned as part of statewide 11/15/2001 Disaster Medical/Health Exercise.
2. Disaster Medical Assistance Team Development	Anne Bybee Extension 407	FY 00-01 funds distributed to 5 level I teams. New Sacramento area team (CA-11) approved for development by US Public Health Service. Team meetings underway.
3. EMS/DMS Communications	Cheryl Starling Jeffrey Rubin Extension 419	Member RIMS technical specialist committee.
4. Contingency Plan for Acquisition and Distribution of Disaster Medical Supplies and Equipment	Anne Bybee	Department of General Services developing vendor price schedules and SOPs for disaster responses with EMSA and DHS.
5. Hazardous Materials	Derrick Green Extension 462	Member OES Mass Casualty Decontamination Committee. Reviewing final draft.
6. Joint Civilian/Military Planning, Training and Exercises	Anne Bybee	Rough & Ready with California National Guard and Riverside County will be held 3/15-17/2002. There will be limited Ukrainian Participation.
7. Training Programs/Courses	Cheryl Starling	Statewide Disaster Exercise is November 15, 2001. Planning in progress. HEICS liaison/information & videos being requested Disaster conferences scheduled for October 2, 4 & 10, 2001. Disaster Medical Boot Camp held August 29,2001.
8. Hospital Disaster Planning	Cheryl Starling Jeffrey Rubin	Hospital Disaster Interest Group providing guidance documents for hospital decontamination of patients and handling bio-terrorism incidents. Draft awaiting distribution.
9. Disaster Projects	All DMS Staff	Monitoring/Technical Assistance - Ongoing. Formal contract reviews underway.
10. Department of Health Services Coordination	Jeffrey Rubin	Liaison - Ongoing.
11. EMS Disaster Medical Response Plan	Cheryl Starling	Revision and update of plan and the development of a Regional Template expected by August 2001.

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12. AB 1841 (Petris) SEMS	Dan Smiley All DMS Staff	Member of Advisory and Technical Committees and Training, RIMS, Mutual Aid, Resource Ordering, and Co-Chair Shelter Medical Group Subcommittees.
13. U.S. Public Health Service Coordination	Jeffrey Rubin	Quarterly ESF#8 meeting; Member RISC.
14. RDMHS Liaison	Laura Venegas Extension 413	Monitor contracts. Ongoing quarterly meetings.
15. OES/OES Region Liaison	All DMS Staff	Member SWEPC. Quarterly meeting with Coastal, Southern and Inland Regions.
16. Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Planning	Derrick Green	Participated in San Onofre nuclear generating station graded FEMA exercise.
17. CCLHO Disaster Planning Committee	Jeffrey Rubin	Quarterly meetings.
18. Medical Consequences Management of Terrorism	Jeffrey Rubin Derrick Green	Ongoing meetings w/FBI, OES, Counties and PHS. Member State Strategic Committee on Terrorism. Co-chair Metropolitan Medical Response System Region IX Committee w/PHS and DHS. Established new Statewide MMRS Advisory Committee. In concert with OES and DHS overseeing statewide bio terrorism assessment and development of National Pharmaceutical stockpile distribution plan.
19. Medical Needs of Evacuees	Laura Venegas Jeffrey Rubin	Strategic planning underway to implement Shelter Medical Report. Developing action plan for recommendations.
20. Hospital Overcrowding/Ambulance Diversion Task Force	Jeffrey Rubin Cheryl Starling	Report published December, 1998. Issues are nationwide. Conference call September 6 th , 2001.
21. Mutual Aid-Intercounty Cooperative Assistance Agreements	Cheryl Starling Laura Venegas	Developing statewide version of Regions I and VI agreement.
22. LEMSA Standards Project	Cheryl Starling Jeffrey Rubin	Advisory Committee completing elements for standards and best practice guidance. EMSA will be writing regulations for standards in September 2001.

INFORMATION SERVICES

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
<p>1. California EMS Authority Home Page</p>	<p>Ed Armitage Extension 442</p> <p>Charla Jensen Extension 443</p> <p>Laura Little Extension 427</p>	<p>Some development tools have been purchased which will provide EMSA staff with the ability to begin producing database tied web pages with little or no programming. We are modifying our web pages to be internally more consistent.</p> <p>We began preliminary development of systems on our own web page. One such system is a new capability for the EMS Licensure and Enforcement programs. Both units will now be able to view license data and enforcement actions. Prior to extending the capability to our stakeholders, we have had a significant amount of discussion regarding what should be there. We have assigned User ID's and passwords for each LEMSA but we have not activated the system until we get more concurrence.</p>
<p>2. Office Automation</p>	<p>Ed Armitage</p> <p>Howard Tsukada Extension 431</p> <p>Laura Little</p>	<p>We are continuing work on the California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) project that will result in the development of a statewide patient care data warehouse. This project utilizes grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety. In conjunction with this project we have added a full time staff person to assist us with the overall system design and Feasibility Study Report (FSR) and the Information Technology Procurement Plan (ITPP).</p> <p>We have received permission from the Health and Human Services Agency to include the position in our budget augmentation requests, making that position permanent.</p> <p>Funding for the creation of a new Paramedic Licensure system is being utilized to purchase software and consulting services and, in conjunction with existing staff, we will be able to create a new, up-to-date system that will facilitate the licensing of Paramedics. This was a recommendation of both the EMSA vision process and the NHTSA assessment. After evaluating a proposal by R-Systems and an existing system by System Automation, Inc. the decision has been made to pursue the SA system. We are currently in the process of purchasing the software which will be installed and operational prior to the end of the fiscal year (6/30/2002). We are also working with staff assigned to the "My California Portal" and will eventually incorporate this software into a web based licensure effort.</p>
<p>3. EMS Data/QI</p>	<p>Ed Armitage</p> <p>Charla Jensen</p>	<p>The Mountain Valley CQI project, ended 6/30/00, included mechanisms for developing and publishing quality indicators. As part of the Vision Implementation Project the indicators that have been developed are being published for comment and suggestions for other indicators. In conjunction with the statewide data system effort we have contracted with Craig Stroup to add more indicators and to essentially polish the proposal with respect to QI.</p>

EMS FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
<p>1. Local Agency Funding:</p> <p>a. Federal Block Grant Special Projects</p> <p>b. Regional EMS Agency SGF Support Grants</p> <p>c. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialist (RDMHS) SGF Grants</p> <p>d. Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) SGF Assistance Grants</p>	<p>Carol MacRae Extension 422</p>	<p>a. EMSA has updated and mailed the Federal Block Grant Policy Manual (EMSA #105) to the LEMSAs. The contracts for FY 2001/02 have been completed and mailed to the LEMSAs.</p> <p>b. EMSA has updated and mailed the State General Fund Policy Manual (EMSA #104) to the regional EMS agencies. The State General Fund contracts for FY 2001/02 have been completed and mailed to the regional agencies. A quarterly meeting with EMSA and the regional EMS agencies is scheduled for September 24, 2001 at the Embassy Suites in LA.</p> <p>c. EMSA has updated and mailed the RDMHS policy manual (EMSA #114) to the LEMSAs. The RDMHS contracts for FY 2001/02 have been completed and mailed.</p> <p>d. EMSA has updated and mailed the DMAT policy manual (EMSA #115) to the DMATs. The FY 2001/02 contracts for the DMATs have been completed and mailed.</p>
<p>2. Personnel Services</p>	<p>Karen DeGuire Extension 402</p>	<p>We have several new additions to the EMSA staff. Nicole Meyers, Derek Salaber, and Wendy Wolfe; all half time Office Assistants and Roger Hedgepeth is now working in EMD Communications program.</p> <p>During this same time, EMSA has said goodbye to Sheila Keller, who worked for many years in the Disaster Division and most recently led the Vision Implementation Project (VIP). Sheila retired 8/30/01. Miranda Swanson will take over VIP responsibilities on October 1, 2001. Dale Blasofsel, Special Investigator in the Enforcement Unit will also be retiring, effective 9/30/01. Lance McDaniel, EMSA receptionist will be leaving EMSA on 9/14/01 to pursue an enforcement career with Sacramento County.</p> <p>As a result, EMSA has several positions at different stages of recruitment: Office Assistant (receptionist), Special Investigator I (Enforcement), HPSI (Trauma), HPPI (EMS Personnel Standards), and an HPSI (Disaster Division).</p>

3. Business Services

Sharon Clodfelter
Extension 400

Lease negotiations were canceled. The department will re-visit our lease agreement closer to the end of term to wait on change in market.

Temporary warehouse space to store DMS/Federal disaster equipment was maintained while search continued for a permanent situation.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENTS
1. Development of EMS 01/02 SFY Budget	Susan French Extension 411	While the Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) to continue the coordinator position for the EMSC program and to provide \$200K for the DMS warehouse and the annual DMAT exercise were eliminated from EMSA's 01/02 final SFY budget, \$30M was added to the budget for trauma care. Of that total, \$25M will go to designated trauma centers, and \$5M will go to local EMS agencies to plan and implement trauma systems in areas that do not now have them.
2. Development of 02/03 SFY Budget	Susan French	EMSA has submitted several BCPs that are currently being considered by the administration for inclusion in the 02/03 SFY budget.
3. Prevention 2000 (PHHS) Federal Block Grant Administration	Susan French	As mentioned in our last report, the CA Dept. of Health Services has requested that EMSA pay a fee to DHS for grant administration costs. We have met with DHS staff and are reviewing their administrative costs to determine what a fair price would be. Once that issue is settled we can better estimate what EMSA's 01/02 SFY final share will be.
4. EMSA Strategic Plan	Susan French	EMSA staff are updating our internal Strategic Plan, which is required by statute and used by the Department of Finance in analyzing BCPs requested by EMSA. To the extent possible, staff are already incorporating Vision process recommendations for which there is general consensus among the members of one or more of the Vision Committees. Staff are also incorporating some recommendations and goals that have come out of program specific advisory committees.

LEGISLATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

ACTIVITY	PRIMARY CONTACT	STATUS/COMMENT
1. Public Information Officer a. Poison Prevention Week b. EMS Week c. Coordinate EMS Awards Program d. Prepare press releases e. Respond to press inquiries	Shirley Tsagris Extension 428	Received and circulated Poison Prevention Week Proclamation from Governor. Received and circulated EMS Week Proclamation from Governor. Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing.
2. Legislative Coordinator a. Update Division 2.5 of Health & Safety Code b. Analyze and lobby legislation c. Prepare legislation proposals d. Update legislation on EMSA's Homepage	Shirley Tsagris	January 2001 Update completed. Ongoing. As Needed. Ongoing.
3. Mentor Coordinator a. Promote mentoring among staff b. Match employees with appropriate program activities and schools c. Prepare semi-annual mentoring activity reports. d. Coordinate mentoring activities	Shirley Tsagris	Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing. Ongoing.
4. Regulatory Ombudsman a. Receive complaints or concerns from constituents about rulemaking activities. b. Report regulatory issues and complaints to director. c. Participate in semi-annual regulatory roundtable meetings	Shirley Tsagris	Ongoing. Ongoing. As Needed.

